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Periodic Reporting (Proposals One through Five)

Docket No. RM2012-5

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued July 27, 2012)

To clarify the record concerning its proposals in this proceeding, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided as soon as possible, but no later than August 3, 2012.

Proposal Two:

- 1. This proposal notes that the Postal Service has implemented the USPS Tracking Barcode to better track parcels. The proposal indicates that carriers perform scans on parcels during street activities. The proposal does not indicate whether the Tracking Barcode is used to track parcels end-to-end including Carrier Pickup or acceptance of the parcel, and processing and transportation of the parcel.
 - a. Does the Tracking Barcode allow the Postal Service to track parcels endto-end including:
 - i. Carrier Pickup;
 - ii. carrier acceptance, and
 - iii. processing and transportation?
 - b. Do the costs of the delivery scans include the cost of scanning the parcel during a Carrier Pickup of the parcel from a customer?

- 2. Please confirm that the estimated scan cost of Proposal Two is \$9.1 million, as shown in the table on pages 5 and 6 of the Petition.
 - a. If confirmed, please provide the distribution key used to allocate the total scan cost to the products.
 - b. If not confirmed, please provide the total estimated scan cost of the proposal for FY 2011 and the distribution key used to allocate the total scan cost to the products.

By the Chairman.

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